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FOLLOWING TEL SENT ACTION SECSTATE, TOKYO INFO SINGAPORE,  
STOCKHOLM FROM KUALA LUMPUR AUG 04:

QUOTE C O N F I D E N T I A L KUALA LUMPUR 4525

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS:

SUBJECT: CONSUL BEING HELD HOSTAGE

1. RED ARMY GUNMAN NOW DEMANDS THAT NINTH FLOOR STAIRWELL  
OCCUPIED BY MALAYSIAN POLICE BE EVACUATED  
IMMEDIATELY. CONSULAR SECTION IS LOCATED ON NINTH FLOOR AND THERE  
IS ACCESS TO FREIGHT ELEVATOR WHICH WE HAVE BEEN USING TO  
MOVE PEOPLE IN AND OUT OF BUILDING AND TO EMBASSY PREMISES,  
INCLUDING COMMUNICATIONS CENTER ON 12TH FLOOR. IF NINTH FLOOR  
ACCESS IS DENIED TO US AND TURNED OVER ENTIRELY TO GUNMEN, WE WILL  
BE FORCED TO REMOVE REMAINING PERSONNEL FROM EMBASSY AND CLOSE  
DOWN COMMUNICATIONS. WE DO NOT KNOW, HOWEVER, WHAT REACTION OF  
MALAYSIAN POLICE WILL BE TO THIS NEW DEMAND.

2. GUNMAN ALSO CLAIMS THAT HE IS HOLDING 50 PEOPLE IN CONSULAR  
SECTION. WE HAVE SUCCEEDED IN PERSUADING GUNMAN TO ALLOW US  
TO SPEAK TO CONSUL STEBBINS. HE CONFIRMS THAT THERE ARE ABOUT  
50 PEOPLE HELD THERE AND THAT THERE ARE NO REPEAT NO INJURIES.  
HE ALSO SAID THAT HOSTAGES HAVE BEEN WELL TREATED.

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3. JAPANESE EMBASSY FIRST SECRETARY TOMIKAWA TOLD US A FEW MINUTES AGO THAT HE HAS BEEN IN TOUCH WITH TOKYO BY CABLE AND BY TELEPHONE, BUT NO DECISIONS HAVE BEEN MADE BY HIS GOVERNMENT. HE SAID "HOT LINE" IS BEING SET UP BETWEEN HIS EMBASSY (ON 6TH FLOOR OF THIS BUILDING) AND TOKYO. WE HAVE LIAISON OFFICER POSTED IN JAPANESE EMBASSY. DILLON UNQUOTE INGERSOLL

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